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## PROCLAMATION

In all the calendar of our year there is no day so wholly American in its historical association as Thanksgiving day. Around it cluster undying memories of the men and women who established America, and in its meaning as we have known it can be found the spirit of the pioneer. This is a day set apart for religious and patriotic consecration; a day of gratitude for the blessings of the past, the opportunities of the present and the hopes for the future.

Today there are additional reasons for thanksgiving. While the world echoes and shudders with cannon fire and the rumble of war tanks, while the non-combatants of many civilized countries live in hourly fear of gas and death from the skies, and bomb-proof shelters congest the streets and parks of European cities, we in America live in peace with good will toward all peoples.

Our sympathy goes out to those nations at war for the terrors and inhumanities that are theirs, for we know that war is inexcusable and futile. We know, too, that no war is ever won, that armed conflict can only result in suffering and death to many, and the creation of hatreds that will but bring new wars.

We know that never again will we send our armies to engage in warfare upon foreign soil, for if we do, we will lose that which is our most cherished possession, the right to liberty.

To our prayers of thanksgiving, therefore, should be added our prayer that America may be--nay, must be--spared that tragedy.

Now, therefore, I, Harlan J. Bushfield, proclaim Thursday, the 30th day of November

### THANKSGIVING DAY

to be devoted by the people of South Dakota to the service of that great Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is and that will be.

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Pierre, this 30 day of November, 1939.

Attest:

*Oliver A. Ringwood*  
Secretary of State

*Harlan J. Bushfield*  
Governor